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Gila National Forest Firefighters Respond to Preacher Fire

(Silver City, NM – April 24, 2006) A human caused fire was reported on Sunday, April 23, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. approximately 9 miles north of Silver City. The Preacher Fire named so because of its close proximity to Preachers Point, was contained at 4:00 p.m. and held to three acres with the resources of 11 firefighters. The fire was burning in pinon-juniper and ponderosa pine stringers. Working with a local landowner, firefighters were able to draft water from a pond to help suppress the fire.

The fire is currently under investigation by Forest Service law enforcement.

For general information regarding fire activity on the Gila National Forest, please contact the fire information officer at 505-388-8245 or visit the website:
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